When crisis calls, we answer.

As featured in TIME Magazine, every day, one U.S. soldier commits suicide. / July 23, 2012
A Growing Crisis

18 The number of veteran suicides per day in the U.S. One vet dies by suicide every 80 minutes. Over the course of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts 4,977 soldiers lost their lives, in the last year 6,500 veterans died by suicide.

33 The number of suicide attempts by veterans per day.

20 % The percentage of veteran suicides out of total U.S. suicides per year. Veterans make up only 10% of the population but account for 20% of the suicides.

20 % The percentage of veteran suicides that were repeat attempts.

154 The number of suicides among active duty personnel for the first half of 2012. This is a 25% increase compared to the first half of 2010. There have been 124 combat fatalities in Afghanistan as of June 1 of 2012.
A Vulnerable Population

Ten Years of War Have Created a Large and Vulnerable Population

2,333,973 The number of military personnel deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

977,542 The number of military personnel deployed more than once.

107,000 The number of servicemen deployed 3 or more times. Repeated combat exposure, physical injuries and personal finance and career problems are difficult stresses caused by multiple deployments.

48,253 The number of servicemen wounded in action in Iraq and Afghanistan.
Local Problem

This is a crisis that is attacking the 267,000 retired and 61,000 active duty military personnel and their families who live and work in the DC area. This crisis will only continue to mount as they face the challenges that their courageous service has left them with.

Veteran Population Information for the Region

- Active Personnel by Bases (Active Personnel)
- Montgomery County
- Fairfax County
- Prince George’s County
- Arlington County
- Alexandria City
- Falls Church City
- Washington, DC
Local Solution

Anecdotal Evidence from Call Reports Associated with Military

CrisisLink provides 24 hour telephone Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention services to veterans and active duty military to address this growing problem.

CASE 1
A disabled veteran suffering from PTSD and diabetes is frustrated with the care/treatment he is receiving. He thinks about suicide, but doesn’t want to talk about it with his family because he wants to be “the man”.

CASE 2
An Officer called asking CrisisLink to intervene with one of his soldiers. When we called she explained that her mother had just passed away and she missed the chance to say goodbye because of her deployment. While she has two young children herself, she is considering ending her life on her terms rather than being re-deployed.
CrisisLink Impact

53,709  The number of calls that CrisisLink handled July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

6,862  The number of calls that were suicide related and required de-escalation by a Volunteer Crisis Counselor.

93%  The percent of suicide related calls that were successfully de-escalated. After speaking with one of our Volunteer Crisis Counselors only 7% of callers required emergency Intervention (police and EMS services for transport to local hospital).

$68.7 million  The dollar amount that CrisisLink services have saved our communities. Each suicide attempt is an estimated $10,759 in emergency response and medical care costs.

10,000+  The annual number of Volunteer Crisis Counselor hours, answering the Crisis Hotline, valued at over $225,000.

CrisisLink brings immediate help, hope, and healing to empower individuals facing serious life challenges, suicidal thoughts, and emotional or situational problems. Each one of our Crisis Counselors are trained a minimum of 60 intensive hours to provide this essential resource.
Protect those who protect us by supporting CrisisLink. Your generous support will save lives.

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